REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed on January 14, 2005, claims 1 to 31 are canceled. The applicant hereby respectfully requests that the patent application be reconsidered.

An item-by-item response to Examiner's objections or rejections is provided in the followings:

1. Rejection of Claims-35 USC 103

The Examiner rejects claims 1-19, 21-31 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsuda et al (US Patent 5,770,514). The Examiner further rejects claims 15-19, 21-21 as being unpatentable over Matsuda in view of Blanchard (5,034,785).

In response to the rejections, claims 1-31 are canceled. The cancellations are not an admission that the inventions as directed by claims 1-19 and 21-31 are obvious and unpatentable over either Matsuda or Blanchard or a combination of these two prior art references. The cancellation is merely for the purpose to let the allowed claims issued into a patent first. The canceled claims will then be submitted as a Continuous Prosecution Application later.

2. Allowable Subject Matter

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The Examiner instructs that claims 32 and 33 are allowable.

With the canceled claims and the reasons provided above, the Applicant hereby respectfully requests that the present application be reconsidered and allowed.

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